



Mario Odor, a numismatist with probably the largest collection in the Netherlands Antilles, points to one of the rarest coins.

Mario Odor, un numismatico cu probablemente e coleccion mas grandi den Antillas Hulandes, ta muntra uno di e monedas mas raro.



Several of the coins of the Christ era are also on display.

Varios di e monedas di tempo di Cristo tambe ta na exhibicion.

Mario Odor Tin un Impresionante Coleccion di Monedas Bieuw y Raro

Loke Mario Odor a cumenza November 24, 1956, dia cu el a cumpli 37 anja, awor aki a crece te bira un coleccion impresionante di monedas antiguo y tambe raro. E dia ey Mario tabata cobando den su hardin di flor y el a haya den tera dos medio chilin, un di anja 1788 y e otro di 1790. Esey a animé pa cumenza colecta monedanan y placa di papel. E promer anja ya el a cera 90 moneda di 21 nacion.

A numismatico Arubano aki tin awor mas of menos 9000 moneda for di 265 pais, di awendia y tambe di tempu pasá, inclusive di cierto republican cu antes tabata independiente manera Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Danzig y Africa Oriental Aleman. E tin tambe algun moneda cu ta asina bieu cu 450 anja promer cu Cristo, sacá door di algun ciudad Griego. Entre esnan cu tin valor historico, Mario tin algun moneda di temporada Biblica (1) e cen di belasting cu

Tiberius a usa entre 14 anja promer cu Cristo te 37 anja di Nos Señor; (2) di Herodes Antipas na uso entre anja 4 promer cu Cristo te 40 anja di Nos Señor; y e moneda yamá Lepton cu Poncio Pilato tabata circulá entre 26 promer cu Cristo te 36 anja di Nos Señor. Algun placa di papel raro ta inclui placa trahá door di Haponesnan cu in-

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Mario Odor Displays Impressive Collection of Rare, Ancient Coins

What Mario Odor started on November 24, 1956, on his 37th birthday, has now grown into an impressive worldwide collection of rare and ancient coins. On that day Mario was digging in his flower garden and found two half-shillings, one of 1788 and one of 1790. That sparked the idea of beginning collecting coins and paper money. The first year he already had 90 coins from 21 nations.

This Aruban numismatist now has about 9000 pieces of coins from 265 countries, present and past, including some former independent republics such as Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Danzig and German East Africa. He has some old coins dating back to 450 B.C., issued by a Greek city. Among those of historical value, Mario has some Bible coins: (1) the Tribute penny of Tiberius used between 14 B.C. to 37 A.D.; (2) the Herod Antipas, in use between 4 B.C. to 40 A.D.; and the Lepton by Pontius Pilate, in circulation between

26 B.C. to 36 A.D. Some rare paper money includes Japanese-made bills intended to be used during World War II (1941) in the U.S., in Indonesia, Burma and India. He has two albums full of paper money with some in denominations up to 100,000.

The materials from which the coins are made are also interesting: some are made of linen, porcelain, shell, tusk, ivory, bullet, plastic and wood.

Mario says he gets his coins through contacts and exchange with other numismatists around the world, from exchange houses, sailors, passengers of tourist ships, and personal contacts with many visitors.

A supervising foreman A at the Public Works' Storehouse, Mario is married and has four children.

Recently he decided to put his collection on display in his home at Zuidstraat 40, Oranjestad, not only for residents but also for tourists and hobbyists.



A few of the many shelves where Mario keeps his over 9000 pieces of coins, some of which are used for exchange.

Un poco di e hopi rekkinan unda Mario tin su mas di 9000 monedas, di cual algun el ta usa pa cambio.

Mario's coins are well exhibited under glass covers with alphabetical listing of the countries which issued them. The exhibition is open from Monday through Friday, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Mario su monedas ta bon exhibi bao cubierta di glas cu lista alfabetico di e paisnan cu a traha nan.